

HOUSE BILL 2074

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to lottery scholarships
and programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

Section 49-4-938.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, a student who was not initially eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship upon graduating from high school and who is not a nontraditional student, may become eligible to receive such scholarship, if, after the semester in which the student has attempted seventy-two (72) or ninety-six (96) semester hours, the student earns the requisite grade point average required to maintain the scholarship had such student been initially eligible and is otherwise qualified in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a), to be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship under the provisions of this section, a student shall have:

(1) Been a Tennessee resident, as defined by regulations promulgated by the board of regents under § 49-8-104, for one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application for a scholarship or renewal of a scholarship;

(2) Made application for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship under the provisions of this section;

(3) Enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution within sixteen (16) months of graduation from a Tennessee high school and been continuously enrolled since entering the postsecondary institution;

(4) Is not ineligible pursuant to the provisions of § 49-4-904; and

(5) Is not ineligible pursuant to the provisions of § 49-4-913.

(c) A student may apply for a retroactive award of the scholarship under this section for the semester at the end of which the student had attempted seventy-two (72) or ninety-six (96) semester hours and became eligible for the scholarship and the last semester in which the student was enrolled immediately preceding such semester.

SECTION 2.

(a) The Tennessee student assistance corporation (TSAC) is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as the commission may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 4-5-208 and 4-5-209 or any other provision of law to the contrary, TSAC is authorized to promulgate public necessity rules and emergency rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.